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| For: OBJECT-HANDLING DEVICE, OBJECT-HANDLING INSTALLATION AND OBJECT -HANDLING METHOD | )<br>)<br>)                        |

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Please amend the present application (the English translation) as follows prior to the first consideration of this matter.

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In the Specification:

Page 1, line 10, please add:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 22, please add:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, line 9, please add:

These and other features of the present application will become apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art upon review of the following detailed description when taken in conjunction with the drawings and the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 4, line 24, please add:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 12, line 8, after means and before may, delete 26 and add --28--.

Page 12, line 22, please add:

It should be apparent that the foregoing relates only to the preferred embodiments of the present application and that numerous changes and modifications may be made herein by one of ordinary skill in the art without departing from the general spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the following claims and the equivalents thereof.

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